

Wednesday, May 21, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4781-S4923*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 771-778 and S. Res. 88 and 89. **Pages S4878-79**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 459, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-20) **Page S4878**

#### Measures Passed:

**Majority Party Committee Appointments:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, to constitute the majority party's membership on the Governmental Affairs committee for the 105th Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S4915**

**Congressional Gold Medal to Mother Teresa:** Senate passed H.R. 1650, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Mother Teresa of Calcutta in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions through humanitarian and charitable activities, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4918-19**

**Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds. **Page S4919**

**New Mexico Trust Fund Protection:** Senate passed S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds. **Page S4919**

**Volunteer Protection Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and government entities in lawsuits based on

the activities of volunteers, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4915-18**

**Concurrent Budget Resolution:** Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 27, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed there-to, as follows: **Pages S4782-S4849, S4851-76, S4920**

#### Adopted:

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 75), Domenici Modified Amendment No. 307, to clarify the use of funds for health coverage for eligible children. **Pages S4810-27**

Kerrey Amendment No. 312, to express the sense of the Senate on the need for long-term entitlement reforms. **Pages S4830-31**

Gramm Modified Amendment No. 317, to express the sense of the Senate on disaster assistance funding. **Pages S4834, S4847-48**

Brownback/Kohl Amendment No. 329, to express the sense of the Senate on enforcement of the bipartisan budget agreement. **Pages S4848-49**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 78), Mack Amendment No. 315, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal commitment to biomedical research should be doubled over the next 5 years. **Pages S4833-34, S4861-69**

Domenici (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 341, to express the sense of the Senate that certain elderly legal aliens should continue to receive benefits during a redetermination transition period. **Pages S4869-70**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 342, to express the sense of the Senate regarding retroactive taxes. **Pages S4870-71**

Domenici (for Dorgan/Hollings/Daschle) Amendment No. 343, to express the sense of the Senate on Social Security and balancing the budget. **Page S4871**

Domenici (for Daschle/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 344, to express the sense of the Senate in support of sufficient funding for veterans programs and benefits. **Pages S4871–72**

Domenici (for Murray) Amendment No. 345, to express the sense of Congress concerning domestic violence. **Page S4872**

Rejected:

Hatch/Kennedy Amendment No. 297, to increase the excise taxes on tobacco products for the purpose of providing affordable health coverage for low- and moderate-income uninsured children and for additional deficit reduction. (By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 76), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4782–S4828**

Gramm Amendment No. 318, to hold nondefense discretionary spending for fiscal years 1998 through 2002 to the same levels proposed in the President's fiscal year 1997 budget request. (By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 77), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4834–44, S4846**

Pending:

Murray/Wellstone Amendment No. 291, to express the sense of the Congress concerning domestic violence. **Pages S4831–32**

Inhofe Amendment No. 301, to create a point of order against any budget resolution for fiscal years after 2001 that causes a unified budget deficit for the budget year or any of the 4 fiscal years following the budget year. **Page S4829**

Hollings Amendment No. 302, to express the sense of the Senate that the Highway Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. **Page S4828**

Hollings Amendment No. 303, to express the sense of the Senate that the Airport and Airway Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. **Pages S4828–29**

Hollings Amendment No. 304, to express the sense of the Senate that the Military Retirement Trust Funds should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. **Pages S4828–29**

Hollings Amendment No. 305, to express the sense of the Senate that the Civil Service Retirement Trust Funds should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. **Pages S4828–29**

Hollings Amendment No. 306, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Unemployment Compensation Trust fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. **Pages S4828–29**

Kerry Amendment No. 309, to allocate funds for early childhood development programs for children ages zero to six. **Pages S4829–30**

Dorgan Amendment No. 310, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress should continue efforts to reduce the on-budget deficit without counting Social Security surpluses. **Page S4830**

Warner/Baucus Amendment No. 311, to ensure that transportation revenues are used solely for transportation. **Page S4830**

Wellstone Amendment No. 313, to provide for increases in funding for Headstart and Early Start, child nutrition programs, and school construction, which will be paid for by reducing tax benefits to the top 2 percent of income earners in the United States as well as by reducing tax benefits that are characterized as corporate welfare or tax loopholes. **Pages S4832–33**

Wellstone Amendment No. 314, to provide that Pell Grants for needy students should be increased. **Page S4833**

Abraham Amendment No. 316, to express the sense of the Senate that, to the extent that future revenues exceed the revenue aggregates, those additional revenues should be reserved for deficit reduction and tax cuts only. **Page S4834**

Gramm Amendment No. 319, to ensure that the discretionary limits provided in the budget resolution shall apply in all years. **Pages S4834–35**

Gramm Amendment No. 320, to ensure that the 4.3 cents federal gas tax increase enacted in 1993 will be transferred to the Highway Trust Fund. **Pages S4834–35**

Faircloth Amendment No. 321, to express the sense of the Senate that a non-refundable tax credit for the expenses of an education at a 2-year college should be enacted. **Page S4839**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 322, to add enforcement mechanisms to reflect the stated commitment to reach a balanced budget in 2002, to maintain a balanced budget thereafter, and to achieve these goals without raising taxes. **Pages S4839–40**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 323, to limit increases in the statutory limit on the debt to the levels in the budget resolution. **Page S4840**

Bond Amendment No. 324, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the protection of children's health. **Page S4844**

Bond Amendment No. 325, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the Highway Trust Fund. **Page S4844**

McCain/Hollings Amendment No. 326, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress shall take such steps as necessary to reconcile the difference between actual revenues raised and estimates made and

shall reduce spending accordingly if Spectrum Auctions raise less revenue than projected. **Page S4845**

McCain/Mack Amendment No. 327, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to certain highway demonstration projects. **Page S4845**

McCain Amendment No. 328, to express the sense of the Senate that the revenues generated to finance an intercity passenger rail fund under section 207 should not be appropriated before enactment of legislation to reauthorize and reform the National Rail Passenger Corporation. **Page S4845**

Brownback/Kohl Amendment No. 329, to express the sense of the Senate on enforcement of the bipartisan budget agreement.

Bumpers Amendment No. 330, to delay the effectiveness of the tax cuts assumed in the Budget Resolution until the Federal budget is balanced. **Page S4847**

Bumpers Amendment No. 331, to ensure that the Medicare cuts that will be enacted are not used to pay tax cuts and that instead the tax cuts are completely paid for by the closure of tax loopholes. **Page S4847**

Bumpers Amendment No. 332, to express the sense of the Senate that no budget reconciliation bill shall increase the Federal deficit. **Page S4847**

Lautenberg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 333, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of budget savings. **Pages S4846-47**

Lautenberg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 334, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the value of the social security system for future retirees. **Pages S4846-47**

Lautenberg (for Dodd) Amendment No. 335, to ensure that the concurrent resolution conforms with the bipartisan budget agreement to restrict revenue reductions over a ten-year period. **Pages S4846-47**

Moseley-Braun Amendment No. 336, to provide \$5 billion for school repair, renovation, modernization, and construction priorities, offset by closing tax loopholes. **Pages S4852-60**

Specter Amendment No. 338, to provide for a reduction in mandatory spending and an increase in discretionary spending relating to children's health. **Pages S4906-07**

Specter Amendment No. 339, to provide for a reduction in mandatory spending and an increase in discretionary spending relating to children's health. **Pages S4906-07**

Specter Amendment No. 340, to restore funding within the discretionary health function to maintain progress in medical research, offset by reductions in Federal agency administrative costs. **Pages S4906-07**

Domenici (for Grams) Amendment No. 346, to require that the \$225 billion CBO revenue receipt windfall be used for deficit reduction and tax relief,

and that non-defense discretionary spending be kept at a freeze baseline level. **Pages S4872-73**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 347, to provide for parental involvement in prevention of drug use by children. **Pages S4872-73**

Domenici (for Kyl) Amendment No. 348, to express the sense of the Senate that the budget resolution agreement does not foreclose the possibility of Congress adopting additional tax cuts in the future, so long as they are paid for. **Pages S4872-73**

Domenici (for Snowe/Coverdell) Amendment No. 349, to express the sense of the Senate relative to higher education tax relief and higher education expenses. **Pages S4873-74**

Lautenberg (for Harkin) Amendment No. 350, to express the sense of the Senate supporting an increase in funding for defense 050 account funds dedicated for medical research. **Pages S4874-75**

Lautenberg (for Harkin/Bingaman) Amendment No. 351, to reduce the incentives to use tax gimmicks that artificially increase revenues in 2002 in ways that make balancing the deficit more difficult after 2002. **Pages S4874-75**

Lautenberg (for Kohl/Kerry) Amendment No. 352, to express the sense of the Senate on early childhood education. **Pages S4874-75**

Lautenberg (for Byrd) Amendment No. 353, to expand opportunities to access funding in the Highway Reserve fund. **Pages S4874-75**

Lautenberg (for Biden) Amendment No. 354, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the extension of the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund through fiscal year 2002. **Pages S4874-75**

Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 355, to express the sense of the Senate regarding tax cut benefits. **Pages S4874-76**

Robb Amendment No. 356, to express the sense of the Senate on Social Security and retirement savings. **Page S4920**

Withdrawn:

Jeffords Motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment:

Jeffords/Coats Amendment No. 337 (to the Motion to recommit), to strike the reconciliation instruction for the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, and adjust the reconciliation instructions for the Committee on Finance to reflect an increase in revenues. (The amendment fell when the motion to recommit was withdrawn.) **Pages S4860-61**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, May 22, 1997. **Page S4875**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

52 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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**Messages From the House:** Pages S4877–78

**Measures Referred:** Page S4878

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** Page S4878

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S4910–15

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—78)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 22, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4920.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, receiving testimony from Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, June 4.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,121 routine military nominations in the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Army Reserve.

### QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Defense Quadrennial Defense Review which relates to the shape, makeup, characterization, and the implementation of American armed forces for the next several years, focusing on its impact on the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gen.

Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

### TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT REFORM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine certain management and program areas in need of reform to improve efficiency and effectiveness at the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Raymond J. DeCarli, Associate Deputy Inspector General, and Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation; and John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 417, authorizing funds for energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment authorizes funds for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through fiscal year 2000, and United States' participation in the International Energy Agency through fiscal year 2002);

S. 210, to make technical and other changes to the Organic Act of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, and to return excess Federal land to the people of Guam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 649, to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974; and

S. Res. 57, to support the work of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council and all the Federal, State, and local entities and other interested groups that are preparing bicentennial activities to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition during the years 2004 through 2006.

### HISTORIC SITES/MEMORIALS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. Res. 57, to support the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, S. 231, to establish

the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in New Mexico to further the study of the physical, geological, and biological aspects of caves, S. 312, to revise the boundary of the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Larue County, Kentucky, S. 423, to grant a three-year extension to the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason in the District of Columbia, S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Georgia, and S. 731, to grant a five-year extension for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial in the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director for Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator D'Amato and Representative Levin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### MEDICARE REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine the applicability of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) as a model for reform of the Medicare program, receiving testimony from Senators Gregg and Wyden; Stuart M. Butler, Heritage Foundation, Robert D. Reischauer, Brookings Institution, and Edwin C. Hustead, Hay Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Kenneth E. Thorpe, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana; Richard V. Anderson, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, California; and Peter Wyckoff, Minnesota Senior Federation-Metropolitan Region, St. Paul, on behalf of the National Council on the Aging and the National Coalition of Consumer Organizations on Aging.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### CHILD WELFARE REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings on child welfare reform proposals, including S. 511, to require that the health and safety of a child be considered in any foster care of adoption placement, to eliminate barriers to the termination of parental rights in appropriate cases, and to promote the adoption of children with special needs, and S. 742 and H.R. 867, bills

to promote the adoption of children in foster care, receiving testimony from Senator DeWine; Representatives Kennelly and Camp; Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, Charleston; Susan Badeau, National Adoption Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Voice for Adoption; Sister Rose Logan, Astor Home for Children, Rhinebeck, New York, on behalf of Catholic Charities USA; and Gary J. Stangler, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, on behalf of the American Public Welfare Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### U.S.-CHINA TRADE ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of United States enforcement of laws and regulations prohibiting the importation of prison-made products manufactured in the People's Republic of China, after receiving testimony from James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, and George J. Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Jeffrey A. Bader, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Jeffrey L. Fiedler, Food and Allied Service Trades Department (AFL-CIO), and Maranda Yen Shieh, Greater Washington Network for Democracy in China and Friends of Hong Kong and Macao Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Harry Wu, Laogai Research Foundation, Milpitas, California; Peter B. Levy, Labelon/Noesting Company, Mt. Vernon, New York; and Fu Shenqi, New York, New York.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee held oversight hearings to review Federal services and benefits designed to assist Native American veterans, receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Espiridion Borrego, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; Arcenio Smiley, Church Rock, New Mexico, on behalf of the Navajo Code Talkers Association; Apesanahkwat, Menominee Indian Nation, Keshena, Wisconsin; Anthony R. Pico, Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Indian Reservation, Alpine, California; Samuel N. Penney, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, Lapwai, Idaho; Kali Watson, Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Honolulu; and Ernie Stevens, Jr., National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 1687–1701; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 85, were introduced.

Pages H3169

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1420, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System (H. Rept. 105–106); and

H. Res. 155, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–107).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

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**Receiving Former Members of Congress:** The Speaker declared a recess for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber former Members of Congress. It was made in order that the proceedings during the recess be printed in the record.

Pages H3071–79

**Motion to Suspend the Rules on Thursday, May 22:** It was made in order that on Thursday, May 22, the Speaker be authorized to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 956, to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth.

Page H3082

**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Savings are Vital to Everyone's Retirement Act of 1997:*** H.R. 1377, amended, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings;

Pages H3082–88

***Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997:*** H.R. 1306, amended, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify the applicability of host State laws to any branch in such State of an out-of-State bank;

Pages H3088–95

***Volunteer Protection Act of 1997:*** H.R. 911, amended, to encourage the States to enact legislation to grant immunity from personal civil liability, under certain circumstances, to volunteers working on behalf of nonprofit organizations and governmental entities (passed by a yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 150). Pages H3096–03, H3118

Subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to consider a similar Senate-passed bill, S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers. S. 543 was passed in lieu after being amended to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting the text of H.R. 911, as passed the House. Agreed to lay H.R. 911 on the table;

Pages H3118–20

***Grenade Attack in Cambodia:*** H. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the March 30, 1997 terrorist grenade attack in Cambodia; and

Pages H3103–05

***Reaffirming the Principles of the Marshall Plan:*** H. Con. Res. 63, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the principles that led to the establishment of that program.

Pages H3106–08

***International Dolphin Conservation Program Act:*** By a yeas-and-nays vote of 262 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 151, the House passed H.R. 408, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

Pages H3120–40

Agreed to an amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to H. Res. 153, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 149.

Pages H3109–18

**Referrals:** S. 342, to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices was referred to the Committee on International Relations; S. Con. Res. 6, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country was referred to the Committee on International Relations; and S. Con. Res. 21, congratulating the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the thirtieth anniversary of the reunification of that historic city was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received by the Senate today appears on page H3079.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today

and appear on pages H3117-18, H3118, and H3139-40. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Continued hearings on Financial Modernization, including, H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### SEC AUTHORIZATION ACT; COMMON CENTS STOCK PRICING ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Material approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1262, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997; and H.R. 1053, Common Cents Stock Pricing Act of 1997.

### JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on proposals for the Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### STATUS OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON ERGONOMICS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing to review the status of scientific information on ergonomics. Testimony was heard from Linda Rosenstock, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### DORNAN V. SANCHEZ

*Committee on House Oversight:* Met to consider motions on subpoenas issued in connection with the Contested Election in the Forty-sixth District of California.

### OBSTACLES TO U.S.-AFRICAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Obstacles to U.S.-African Trade and Investment. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

### QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on Quadrennial Defense Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 79, amended, Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 856, amended, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act; H.R. 858, amended, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act of 1997; H.R. 985, amended, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within Arapaho and White River National Forests, CO, to include the lands known as the Slate Creek Addition upon the acquisition of the lands by the United States; H.R. 1019, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest, CO, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys; H.R. 1020, to adjust the boundary of the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado to include all National Forest System lands within Summit County, CO, which are currently part of the Dillon Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest; and H.R. 1439, amended, to facilitate the sale of certain land in Tahoe National Forest, in the State of California to Placer County, California.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1127, National Monument Fairness Act of 1997.

### TWO-THIRDS VOTE WAIVER

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) against the same day consideration of any resolution reported before May 23, 1997, providing for consideration of specified measures. The waiver applies: (1) to a concurrent resolution on the budget, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference

thereon; (2) to the bill H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping effort, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

#### **EPA'S PROPOSED PARTICULATE MATTER—OZONE STANDARDS**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment concluded hearings on the Science behind EPA's Proposed Particulate Matter/Ozone Standards, Part 3. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

#### **COMMERCIAL SPACE ACT**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Commercial Space Act of 1997: Commercial Remote Sensing, Part I. Testimony was heard from Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director, Office of Aid and Space Commercialization, Department of Commerce; Susan Moran, Physical Scientist, Southwest Watershed Research Center, USDA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### **MEDICAL KITS ON COMMERCIAL AIRLINES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Medical Kits on Commercial Airlines. Testimony was heard from Representative Kennelly; Jon L. Jordan, M.D., Federal Air Surgeon, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### **VETERANS LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1362, amended, Veterans Medicare Reimbursement Demonstration Act of 1997; H.R. 1687, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that special pay paid to certain physicians and dentists of the Veterans Health Administration who retire before October 1, 1999, shall be considered to be basic pay for retirement purposes; and H.J. Res. 75, to confer status as an honorary veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope.

The Committee also held a hearing to accept the report of the Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission. Testimony was heard from William LaVere, member, Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission; Stephen L. Lemons, Acting Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

## **Joint Meetings**

### **EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

*Conferees* continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1997**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international affairs, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold hearings on the nominations of James A. Harmon, of New York, to be President, and Jackie M. Clegg, of Utah, to be First Vice President, each of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on electronic funds transfer and electronic benefit transfer and the effect of these programs on Federal benefit recipients, 11 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold oversight hearings on the professional boxing industry, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the financial implications of restructuring, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold a workshop on the proposed "Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Act", 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to review whether China's most-favored-nation status is an effective foreign policy tool, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* business meeting, to mark up S. 261, to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance

oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, S. 207, to review, reform, and terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal subsidies, S. 307 and H.R. 680, bills to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of assistance to impoverished families and individuals, and to consider pending nominations, 4 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine the antitrust implications of the college bowl alliance, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to review the activities of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*, to resume hearings to review legislative recommendations on certain revisions to Title 44 of the U.S. Code which authorizes the Government Printing Office to provide permanent public access to Federal government information, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

## NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1010 in today's Record.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, to continue hearings on Financial Modernization, including, H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1277, Department of Energy Civilian Research and Development Act of 1997; H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York; H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington; and H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to continue hearings on Reauthorization of the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Vocational and Technical Education for the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Early Retirement in Higher Education, 9:30 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Economic Development of the Administration's National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Plans, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Race and Ethnicity in the Census 2000, 2:15 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act, 10 a.m., 2200 Longworth.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Forced Labor in China, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1544, Federal Agency Compliance Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing regarding Application of the Americans with Disabilities Act to Medical Licensure and Judicial Officers, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following: H.R. 567, Madrid Protocol Implementation Act; and the Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, to continue hearings on Quadrennial Defense Review, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 608, Marion National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 796, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 1278, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1658, Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1997; and H. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States and the United Nations should condemn coral reef fisheries that are harmful to coral reef ecosystems and promote the development of sustainable coral reef fishing worldwide, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on H.R. 374, Sikes Act Improvement Amendments of 1997, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to continue hearings on the Commercial Space Act of 1997: Space Transportation, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the performance of the Small Business Technology Transfer Pilot Program (STTR), 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on H.R. 20, Capitol Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1997, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review safety and security procedures within the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, to consider a Subcommittee Report on the Administration of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, 9:30 a.m., 1129 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, Briefing on Counter-terrorism Operations, 1 p.m., and, executive, a briefing on Counter-proliferation Operations, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 27, Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, May 22

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of 1 Suspension, H.R. 956, Drug-Free Communities Act; and Consideration of H.Res. 155, waiving the requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House.

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